

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): A lens-casting-mold assembling apparatus that is accommodated in a dust-proof room, comprising:

a positioning device which brings geometric centers of the concave mold having a convex-surface forming surface for a lens and a convex mold having a concave-surface forming surface for the lens into coincidence, and which arranges the concave and convex molds in opposition with a predetermined distance spaced between the convex-surface forming surface and the concave-surface forming surface; and

a tape winding device which winds an adhesive tape onto peripheral surfaces of the positioned concave and convex molds, thereby to seal a gap between these molds,

wherein said tape winding device includes a tape roll holding device which holds an adhesive tape roll of wound adhesive tape, a tape keep device which holds a distal end side of the adhesive tape drawn out from the adhesive tape roll, a tape drawing-out device which is constructed so as to draw out the adhesive tape from the adhesive tape roll by moving from a first position to a second position, with respect to the tape winding device, in a state where the distal end side of the adhesive tape is held by the tape keep device, and to moving from the second position to the first position ~~move back to its original position~~ when the adhesive tape is to be wound onto the peripheral surfaces of the concave mold and the convex mold, a cutting

device which cuts the adhesive tape, a rotation drive device which simultaneously rotates the positioned concave and convex molds, and a press roller which is capable of abutting on and separating from the peripheral surfaces of the concave and convex molds.

6. (previously presented): A lens-casting-mold assembling apparatus as defined in claim 5, wherein:

said tape drawing-out device exerts a predetermined load on the adhesive tape in moving so as to return to its original position when the adhesive tape is to be wound onto the peripheral surfaces of the concave and convex molds.

7-10. (canceled).